

# Senate File 247 - Introduced

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BY COMMITTEE ON NATURAL  
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(SUCCESSOR TO SSB 1220)

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## A BILL FOR

1 An Act making black bears and cougars fur-bearing animals.  
2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:  
3 TLSB 2477SV 82  
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1 1 Section 1. Section 481A.1, subsection 20, Code 2007, is  
1 2 amended to read as follows:  
1 3 20. "Fur-bearing animals" means the following which are  
1 4 declared to be fur-bearing animals for the purpose of  
1 5 regulation and protection under the Code: beaver, badger,  
1 6 mink, otter, muskrat, raccoon, skunk, opossum, spotted skunk  
1 7 or civet cat, weasel, black bear, cougar, coyote, bobcat,  
1 8 wolf, groundhog, red fox, and gray fox. This chapter does not  
1 9 apply to domesticated fur-bearing animals.

1 10 EXPLANATION

1 11 This bill adds black bears and cougars to the list of fur=  
1 12 bearing animals. Currently black bears and cougars are not  
1 13 addressed in the Code and as such are unprotected nongame  
1 14 animals. As fur-bearing animals, black bears and cougars may  
1 15 be taken legally only during an open hunting season  
1 16 established by the natural resource commission.  
1 17 LSB 2477SV 82  
1 18 av:nh/gg/14